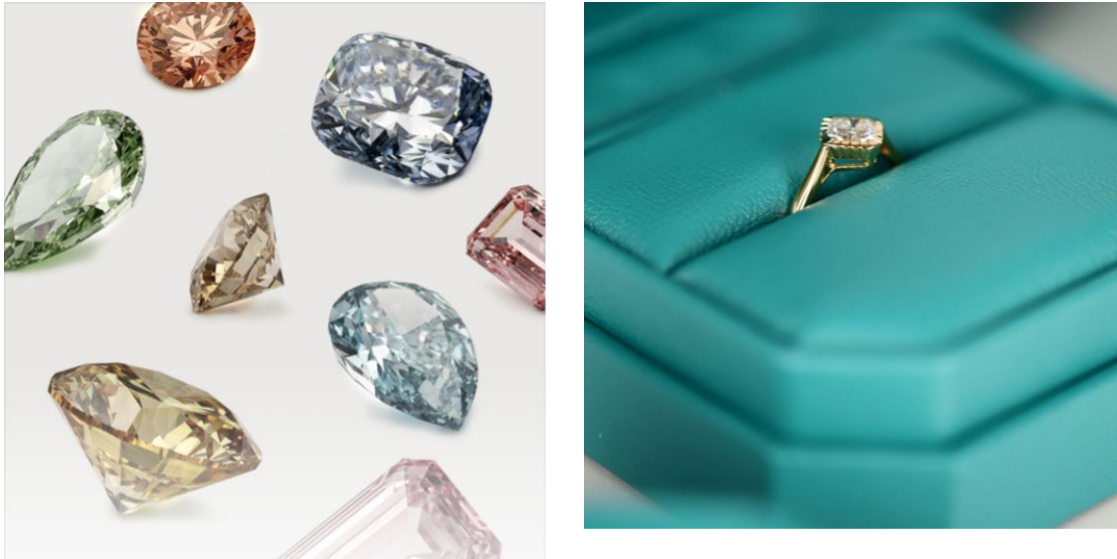


## PROVEN SUSTAINABILITY

### Nevermined lab-grown diamonds awarded "SCS Certification Standard for Sustainability Rated Diamonds"



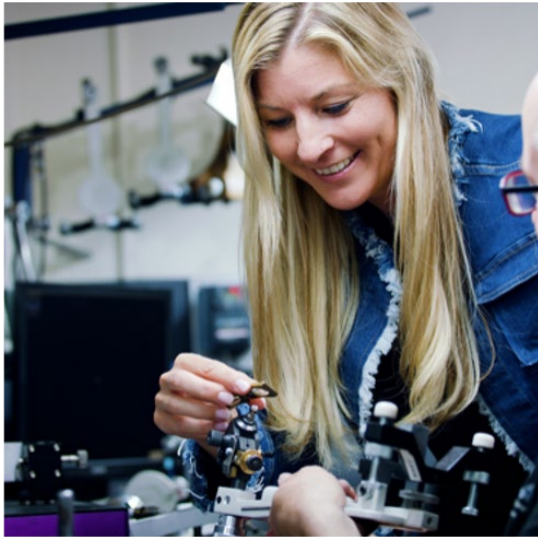
- **Essen-based laboratory Nevermined** becomes one of the first diamond producers and retailers to be **certified in accordance with "SCS-007-1"**
- Since 1984, SCS has been a world leader in independent sustainability certification, auditing and development of standards.
- New certification **proves that Nevermined complies with the highest social, environmental and ethical standards in diamond production** – with seamless traceability to the source.

**Essen, 18 March 2025.** "The exacting SCS auditing process lasted over a year," reports founder and CEO Christine Marhofer. "The night before INHORGENTA, we finally got the wonderful news: Nevermined GmbH had been awarded the certification!" We were one of the first **diamond producers and retailers to be officially certified in accordance with SCS-007-1**. That means we meet all the strict SCS criteria for our lab-grown diamonds: from origin, traceability and sustainable production all the way through to ethically responsible trading with regard to the environment, social issues and company management. We're incredibly proud of this!"

**SCS Global Services** (SCS = "Scientific Certification Systems") is a world-leading certification organisation based in California that since 1984 has been working towards a sustainable future where the environment and climate are protected, human dignity and wellbeing are fostered, and living standards are continually improved. As a non-profit independent third party, SCS sets sustainability standards that are recognised worldwide and evaluates their implementation through science-based audits. As part of this process, the SCS draws on a life cycle framework, proven methods of analysis, key performance indicators and expert knowledge.

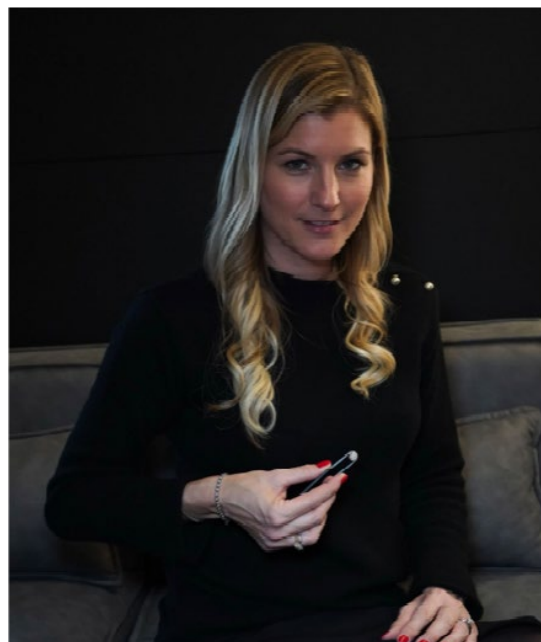
The **SCS-007-1 Certification Standard for Sustainability Rated Diamonds** is the first comprehensive sustainability standard for gemstone diamonds – both mined and lab-grown. A trial version was introduced for the first time in 2020. It was used by so many industry stakeholders since that a definitive version was published in March 2024. The SCS programme offers jewellery manufacturers, retailers and their customers incomparable transparency regarding diamonds and guarantees a duty of care on the part of those certified with regard to environmental and ethical performance.

The standard includes aspects such as quantitative metrics to ensure that producers make swift progress towards carbon neutrality and reduce their footprint across the entire product life cycle. "Consumers want to be sure that the diamonds they buy are conflict-free and meet environmental, social and ethical standards," says Kat Weymouth\*, industry expert and director of the "SCS Certification Standard for Sustainability Rated Diamonds".



By the introduction of the certification programme in early 2024, SCS Global Services had certified eight lab-grown diamond producers, 12 diamond traders and 65 retailers in 14 countries. This makes the German diamond laboratory Nevermined a pioneer among SCS-certified lab-grown manufacturers. "Our Nevermined lab-grown diamonds have been certified by GIA and IGI with regard to their authenticity since day one," says Christine Marhofer. "As a company that defines sustainability as a core value, it was crucial for us to also have this audited by an independent third party."

Not only to distinguish ourselves with the award of the certification, but above all, to find out in the audit process where we can and must make more improvements. The process was exacting, as SCS-007-1 exhibits strict evaluation criteria. We had to answer questions in extreme detail and provide evidence through data. This was required for aspects such as our production, which we run with 100% certified green electricity from regenerative sources, or our use of materials, like the vegan leather alternative we use for our cases or the biodegradable hot stamping process. After this thorough audit process, we are delighted we can officially call SCS-007-1 certified."



Nevermined is among the first diamond laboratories to be based in Germany. In Essen, North Rhine-Westphalia, a modern CVD process is used to grow 245,000 carats of rough diamonds "made in Germany" – and counting. The high-quality lab diamonds are used to make jewellery by the company's own sister brand mandana Jewellery. They are also available to jewellery manufacturers, jewellers and goldsmiths. Since 2025, Nevermined has also offered fancy cut and coloured diamonds whose complex recipes were independently researched by the company – another USP of this lab-grown titan.

\*SCS Global Services, press release dated 07/03/2024, "SCS Standards Announces Release of SCS-007-1 Certification Standard for Sustainability Rated Diamonds": <https://vi.scsglobalservices.com/news/scs-standards-announces-release-of-scs-007-1-certification-standard-for-sustainability-rated>

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## **ABOUT MANDANA**

### **Next generation jewellery for next generation customers**

The neo-luxury jewellery brand mandana was founded in 2021 by Christine Marhofer and creates high-quality jewellery collections with lab-grown diamonds. The brand represents 'conscious luxury': all mandana jewellery is made from recycled 750 gold (18 carat) and every aspect of sustainability has been carefully considered – from production to packaging. The brand represents strong values and ideals. Sustainability, diversity, fairness, respect, mindfulness, social justice and women's empowerment shape everything mandana does. The mission: to spark change – and usher in an age where we express our values through jewellery. // [mandana-jewellery.com](https://mandana-jewellery.com)

## **ABOUT NEVERMINED**

### **Next generation diamonds for next generation jewellery**

Nevermined GmbH was founded in 2021 by Christine Marhofer and Michael Marhofer in Essen, Germany. In the heart of the Ruhr region, Nevermined produces genuine laboratory diamonds of the highest quality standards according to the 4C. The stones are used in premium fine jewellery from partner brand mandana. As one of the first manufacturers of its kind in Germany, Nevermined is doing pioneering work for the jewellery industry in the field of lab-grown diamonds and is committed to transparent and conflict-free production. Driven by the values of our time, the Nevermined team is particularly passionate about sustainability. That is why the brand powers its production with 100% certified green electricity.// [nevermined-diamonds.com](https://nevermined-diamonds.com)

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